Dewan.—It is proposed to recognise the Fourth Form in the St. Mary's L. G. S. School, Alwaye, from Edavom next, and if the school should satisfy the requirements of the Code, the higher Forms can also be opened later on.

The Member said that it would answer the purpose, but he added that the L. G. S. School should not be removed on that account.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

144. Grievances of the Ezhava community regarding Government appointments.

Mr. N. Kumaran Asan (Member, Nominated) said that, in spite of the persistent representations in previous sessions of the Assembly and the stringent orders issued by the late Dewan to give greater encouragement to the members of the community by entertaining them more largely in the public service, the Ezhavas were not, as a fact, receiving adequate representation in the Government departments with due regard to their number and their educational qualifications. During 1089, the number of appointments given to them was comparatively very few. The greatest objection to appointing the Ezhavas came from the Revenue Department. The Member failed to see why there should be any objection to appointments unconnected with the Devaswoms being given to the members of the community. In the Survey, Excise, P. W. D., Forest, Education and Police Departments also very little encouragement was given to them in the past year. In the T. I. C.'s, the Sanitary Department, and also the Secretariat, the community was not represented at all. In the Police Department, scrupulous care appeared to have been taken to keep out the Ezhavas as much as possible. Because, even though several Ezhavas of robust health applied and presented themselves for enrolment, they were first asked to wait and were eventually rejected. His fear was that the heads of departments were not loyally acting up to the liberal policy pursued by the Government of uplifting the communities that were educationally backward. He did not ask that men with no qualifications or with insufficient qualifications should be appointed against the rules over the heads of qualified men. But what he prayed was that, under present conditions, preference should be given to the Ezhava applicants, wherever qualifications and other conditions were equal. He therefore once again requested the earnest and sympathetic consideration of the Government in the matter.

Mr. S. Padmanabha Panikkar (Member, Nominated) said that the community was grateful to the Government for the encouragement that was being shown to it in the matter of appointments. He knew that several Ezhavas, though not qualified, had been appointed to places, which should be filled by qualified men. So far as the Education Department was concerned, his experience was that the community met with no difficulty in securing appointments as teachers, munshies, &c. But he regretted to have to say that, in regard to the Police Department, his experience had been the same as that of Mr. Kumaran Asan. He also knew of instances in which some men were refused admission on knowing that they belonged to the Ezhava community. He therefore requested that the necessary instructions should be issued to appoint the Ezhavas more freely in the several departments, more especially as peons in the Munsiffs' Courts.

The Member next said that there were several Native Vaidyans in the community, who had not passed out of the Ayurveda Patasala, but who were very capable in the art of treatment and were quite safe men. He prayed that such men should be given grants, suspending the rules, if necessary, for a period of five years.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

145. The desirability of freely admitting Mahomedans into the public service.

Mr. Hajee Ismail Hajee Hassan (Member, Nominated) expressed the thanks of his community for the educational and other concessions accorded to the

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community and said that a stronger impetus should be given to the Mahomedans to improve their lot by a more liberal admission of that community into the public service. So far as the Mahomedans were concerned, the rules for admission into the service should be slightly relaxed for some time and heads of departments should be instructed to give preference to Mahomedan candidates in a greater proportion. The Member advocated the appointment of a Mahomedan Judge in the High Court and the encouragement of those Mahomedans who were already in the service. In conclusion, he requested that the pay of the Mahomedan Munshi in the Alleppey Mahomedan School should be enhanced and the man duly encouraged.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

146. The need for entertaining the Catholic Christians of South Travancore in the subordinate ranks of the State Service.

Mr. D. Francis (Member, Nominated) said that the Catholic Christians of South Travancore were very backward in education and that they had no encouragement so far as the public service was concerned. Even the few Matriculates in the service were completely ignored. There was a clerk in the Medical Department who received no promotion for the past 17 years. He therefore requested that the members of the community should be encouraged and appointed more liberally in the subordinate ranks of the service especially where no special qualification was needed and all heads of departments instructed accordingly.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

147. A more liberal entertainment of all sections of the people in the subordinate service of the State.

Mr. M. D. Daniel (Member, Nominated) pointed out that the Government ought to recognise the right of each and every section of the people to a fair share in the appointments of the public service and that the Government could be really popular only by the practical recognition of the above principle. The Member then spoke of the Police Department and said that the department was not thoroughly representative in its composition and that therefore it lacked in its morale and efficiency. He suggested that in the subordinate service of every department—say below Rs. 30—every section of the people should be represented and he requested that the Government might be pleased to issue the necessary orders in the matter.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

148. The desirability of having a Member every year in the Assembly to represent the Kshatrias.

Mr. Raja Raja Varma Koil Tampuran (Member, Nominated) pointed out that the Kshatria community was not represented in the Assembly every year, and said that it was highly desirable to have a Member every year in the Assembly to represent the interests of that community.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

149. The necessity for the modification of the rules relating to the election of Members for the Assembly, with special reference to the election of Ezhava Members.

Mr. P. Madhavan Vaidyan (Member, Nominated) pointed out that the system of nomination, adopted by the Government, of representatives of certain communities as members of the Assembly, indicated the existence of difficulties on the part of those communities to obtain adequate representation through popular election. That the Assembly should contain representatives of all sections of the people of the State and that it was intended as a popular institution would not be doubted for a moment by any one. But the fact remained that the rules regulating the election of members did not permit certain communities who were in the minority to return their representatives to the Assembly duly elected by popular votes. The procedure for the election of members by the taluks was regulated by the provisions in Schedule A,

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